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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MELVYN LEVITSKY **Executive Secretary** Department of State

> COL. JAMES F. LEMON **Executive Secretary** Department of Defense

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Executive Secretary Central Intelligence Agency

CAPT. JOSEPH C. STRASSER Executive Assistant to the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT:

Follow-up on May 22 PRG on U.S. Policy and Gulf Security

Following are the principal action items resulting from the May 22 PRG. Actions should be completed on an urgent basis. Agencies are requested to provide a brief report on actions taken by COB Wednesday, May 27, via this channel.

## Follow-up actions:

- 1. Review whether force levels and composition in the Persian Gulf and North Arabian Sea are adequate to assure successful execution of mission. Specifically examine possibility of increasing AAW capability through deployment of an AEGIS cruiser, and surface combatants with longer-range missile systems and CIWS. (DOD/JCS)
- Review risk levels used for planning and evaluating adequacy of MEF and supporting forces, from standpoint of providing high assurance of capability for mission execution. (DOD/JCS)
- 3. Review and clarify Persian Gulf ROE, with particular reference to equating U.S. flag vessels with warships in all situations. (DOD/JCS)
- 4. Review keep-out zones for Iranian ships and aircraft. (DOD/JCS)

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- 5. Review (with Saudi Arabia) possible extension of AWACS coverage. (DOD/JCS)
- Review requirement for TACAIR (land and sea based) support of MEF surface combatants. (DOD/JCS)
- Review status of TLAM-C mission planning for possible strikes against SILKWORM sites. (DOD/JCS)
- Explore more active military cooperation with Saudi Arabia, bahrain, and other GCC states in protecting freedom of navigation in Gulf. (DOD/JCS)
- 9. Complete planning for protection regime for reflagged Kuwaiti ships and other ships under USN protection, and provide concept of operations. (DOD/JCS)
- in. Examine adequacy of onboard medical capabilities (availability of Medical Corps officers) aboard MEF ships. (DOD/JCS)
- 11. Explore possibilities for better military coordination in Gulf with UK, France. (DOD)
- 12. Explore means of reducing risk of further incidents with Iraq (including approaches via French, Saudi Arabia, US-Iraq review group). (DOD/State)
- 13. Message to Iranians regarding protection of shipping and adherence to rules of neutrality. (State)
- 14. Explore possibilities for better diplomatic coordination on protection of shipping, freedom of navigation in Gulf with UK, France, Japan, GCC. (State)
- 15. Accelerate efforts to table effective UNSC resolution on ending Iran-Iraq war. (State)
- 16. Press UK, France, Japan and others (at high level) to increase pressure on Iran and/or Iraq, including support for Staunch and for strong UNSC Resolution. (State)

17. Coordinate Congressional consultations and develop public diplomacy strategy for laying out Administration position.
(State/DOD)

Grant S. Green, Jy. Executive Secretary

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